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SUBJ: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM

TO EUROPEAN AND SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES

REF: CANBERRA 7449 (NOTAL)

1. PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ANNOUNCED NOV 28 THAT HE WILL
VISIT BELGIUM, BRITAIN, AND IRELAND BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND
WILL VISIT MALTA, GREECE, THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, ITALY,
YUGOSLAVIA, THE SOVIET UNION, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GER-
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MANY, SRI LANKA, BANGLADESH, AND PAKISTAN AFTER CHRISTMAS.

DATES FOR THE VISITS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AND WE LEARN FROM THE DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT NOT ALL DATES HAVE BEEN FIRMLY DECIDED AT THIS POINT. HOWEVER, VISITS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN PERIOD DEC 14 TO JAN 20, WHEN WHITLAM HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE ABSENT FROM AUSTRALIA. WHEN DATES AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WILL REPORT THEM.

2. PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESS CRITICISM OF EXTENDED TRIP AS A MERE JUNKET HAS BEGUN, WITH PRESS POINTING OUT THAT CHARTER OF QANTAS AIRWAYS 707 WILL COST MORE THAN HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR TRIP. ASKED IF IT IS NECESSARY TO CHARTER QANTAS AIRCRAFT FOR PERIOD OF ENTIRE TRIP, WHEN IT WILL BE IDLE AT VARIOUS AIRPORTS FOR 13 OUT OF 37 DAYS, WHITLAM SAID IN PARLIAMENT NOV 28 THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED ON SECURITY GROUNDS TO USE CHARTERED QANTAS JET FOR TRIP.
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